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MEDICAL AID FOR FARMERS AND FACTORY WORKERS

The Ministry of Public Health RSFSR for Azerbaydzhian SSR is taking measures to ensure adequate medical aid for farm hands during the coming spring sowing and planting season. It has organized 30 medical field units composed of doctors from the Azerbaydzhian Medical Institute, various Azerbaydzhian scientific and research institutes, and regional hospitals. A special aviation-sanitation group has been formed, which is composed of highly qualified specialists who are located at strategic points from which they can expeditiously reach any within their jurisdictional area. Particular attention is being given to malaria control. A widescale program is underway for spraying water holes and swampy regions, cleaning out drains, and providing proper prophylaxis to farm hands.

Public-health organizations in the mountainous Sisian region of Armenia have organized several field units and about 20 temporary hospitals capable of accommodating a total of 590 patients.

In Kiev, 1,000 doctors and 1,500 middle medical workers have been organized into field units to serve Ukrainian farm hands. One hundred and forty thousand temporary beds have been set up. One hundred thousand first-aid workers are also being assigned to the field. All rural communities are getting either temporary or permanent dental units.

Latvian public-health organizations are also making arrangements for medical aid for farm hands. The functioning of the Lepaya Public Health Department is particularly notable as it is responsible for caring for a farm population which has increased fivefold in the past year.

Workers in industries and factories are not being forgotten in this large program for medical aid for farm hands. The Wagon-Building Factory imeni "Pravda" at Dneprodzerzhinsk has been equipped with a medicosanitation unit. A two-story polyclinic has been completed. Hospital No 3 has been transferred and is now under the authority of the Medicosanitation Unit. A polyclinic

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with various specialists has been made available to the workers of the Metallurgical Plant imeni Dzerzhinskiy.

Miners of the Kizelovsk Coal Fields, Molotov Oblast, are also getting improved medical aid. A new dispensary has been organized at the Central KosPash. The Medicosanitation unit at the "KosPashUgol" Trust has expanded its services through a hospital, polyclinic, maternity home, and pediatrical unit.

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